

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Claims 1-124 are pending in the application and claims 1-22 and 125-127 stand rejected. Claims 23-124 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner for being directed to a non-elected invention. Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is amended by the limitation originally found in claims 17 and 18, as well as the Abstract. No new matter is added.

Claim 17 is amended similarly to claim 1; also, claim 17 is amended with the limitation of claim 20. Claim 20 is cancelled. No new matter is added.

Claims 23-124 and 127 are also cancelled.

Claim 128 is new, and derived from the specification as filed at page 8, lines 5-20, and original claim 6 and 19. The lower limit of one stated range is combined with the upper limit of another stated range. No new matter is added.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 17-19 and 127 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated, or in the alternative, as under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over US 4,988,781 (McKinney). Further, claims 1-17, 19-22, and 125-126 stand rejected as anticipated or obvious over US 3,029,230 (Strauss). The Applicants traverse these rejections.

In particular, claims 1-16, and 20-22 were not rejected over *McKinney*, and thus claim 17 is amended by the addition of the feature in claim 20. Further, claim 18 (and claim 127) was not rejected over *Strauss*, and thus the broader embodiment of original claim 18, “wherein the chain transfer agent is an α -olefin”, is added to claims 1 and 17.

Claim 127 is cancelled.

In light of these amendments, the Applicants request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Having demonstrated that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the invention as claimed, and all other formal issues having now been fully addressed, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If necessary to affect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to affect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1712 (Docket # 2003M082).

Respectfully submitted,

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